

REMARKS

No new matter have been added by the instant amendment. This is a continuation-in-part of prior application serial no. 09/413,270, filed October 6, 1999, now US Patent No. 6,505,175, entitled "Order Centric Tracking System" and is a Continuation - in -part of application serial no. 09/413,150, filed October 6, 1999, now US Patent No. 6,625,583, entitled "Handheld Trading System Interface", to all of which priority under 35 USC §120 is claimed. Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 USC §119 for US provisional application serial no. 60/157,987, filed October 6, 1999, entitled "Extensible Markup Language (XML) Based Protocol".

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1240, Order No. 17209-009.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 03-1240, Order No. 17209-009

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